

U.S. Army Recruiting Command



Interservice Physician Assistant

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Bottom Line Up Front

- ★ **Convert 60 SH to a Master Degree in 2 years**
- ★ **Earn a rewarding profession as a Physician Assistant**
- ★ **Become an Officer**
- ★ **Accelerated Promotion to 1LT**
 - ➡ **And make CPT within 15 months after graduation**



What is an Army PA

- ★ Military health care professional certified to practice medicine with physician supervision.**
- ★ The AMEDD's primary medical provider in battalion and division level TO&E units "From the Line, For the Line"**
- ★ Echelon I/II Subject Matter Expert**



Duties of an Army PA

- ➔ **Provide soldier healthcare at Level I/II**
- ▢ **Treat all categories of beneficiaries**
- ▢ **Primary medical trainer to unit medics and combat lifesavers**
- ▢ **Serve as medical platoon leader**
- ▢ **Special staff officer to the commander**
- ▢ **Preventive medicine/field sanitation**
- ▢ **Medical logistics**
- ▢ **Other duties as assigned**



Duties of an Army PA

- ➡ **Provide advanced trauma management**
- **Conduct physical exams**
- **Diagnose and treat illnesses**
- **Order and interpret diagnostic tests**
- **Counsel on preventive health care**
- **Assist in surgery**
- **Write prescriptions**



Interservice PA Program (IPAP)

Phase I (Didactic)

**VERY CHALLENGING, BUT,
ANYTHING WORTH HAVING IS!**

➡ **50 weeks**

▢ **1815 Contact hours (class room)
A&P, chemistry, pathology,
radiology, pharmacology,
psychiatry, OB/GYN, orthopedics,
infectious diseases, etc.**



Interservice PA Program (IPAP)

- ★ **Phase II (2890 hours)**

- ⇒ **11 different clinical sites**

- **52 weeks**

- ★ **Clinical rotations include:**

- **Family Medicine/Primary Care**

- **Internal Medicine**

- ⇒ **Ophthalmology**

- **Psychiatry**

- **Pediatrics**

- **Dermatology**

- **OB/GYN**

- **Orthopedics**

- **Surgery**

- **Emergency Medicine**

- **ENT/Allergy**



Phase II Sites

- ★ **Fort Bragg**
- ★ **Fort Sill**
- ★ **Fort Riley**
- ★ **Fort Carson**
- ★ **Fort Hood**
- ★ **Fort Leonard Wood**
- ★ **Fort Polk**
- ★ **Fort Benning**
- ★ **Fort Campbell**
- ★ **Fort Knox**
- ★ **Fort Stewart**
- ★ **Hawaii**



Interservice PA Program (IPAP)

- ★ Bachelor of Science Degree from University of Nebraska at end of phase I**
- ★ Masters Degree from University of Nebraska upon completion of 2yr program**
- ★ 4 year Active Duty Service Obligation**
- ★ USAR 6 years SELRES + 2 years**



Basic Qualifications

- ★ **Enlisted, Commissioned, or Warrant Officer**
- ★ **Minimum 3 years active federal service**
 ▶ **as of 31 Aug 09**
- ★ **USAR no minimum time requirement**
- ★ **Qualified for appointment IAW AR 601-100 and AR 40-501**
- ★ **GT 110 (enlisted)**



Educational Prerequisites

- ★ 60 semester hours**
- ★ The following 30SH must be in residence: (In accredited class or internet course with letter grade of C or better, not MOS, CLEP, DANTES...)**
 - ⇒ 6 hours English (3SH Writing)**
 - 6 hours Humanities, Social Sciences, Government, History...**
 - 6 hours Chemistry (general or higher)**



Educational Prerequisites

- ▮ 3 hours Anatomy(Human)**
- ▮ 3 hours Physiology(Human)**
- ▮ 3 hours of Algebra or higher math (not intro or intermediate.)**
- ▮ 3 hours of Psychology(any type)**



Educational Prerequisites

- ★ **Anatomy & Physiology combined worth 4SH would be valued at 2 SH for Anatomy and 2 SH for Physiology. This does not meet the 3 SH requirement. To quickly achieve the A&P prerequisites:**
- ★ **Take A&P I then take A&P II or**
- ★ **Take Anatomy 3SH separately and Physiology 3SH separately**



Academic Delay / Alternate

- ★ **May apply with 3 required courses or less (15 SH or less) in progress after application due date---must be complete by 31 Dec 09**
- ★ **If selected as Academic Delay:**
 - ➡ **No guaranteed slot for attendance**
 - **May be activated if ALL prerequisites are complete, still eligible and alternate is needed.**
 - **All academic delays are on an order-of-merit list. Top person done, when alternate is needed, goes to school.**
- ★ **Gives 2nd chance and more time for academics**
- ★ **Must reapply the following year if not activated.**



Requirements Completion Course (RCC)

- ★ Assigns Soldiers to AMEDD C&S while they complete 15SH or less of IPAP prerequisite courses.**
- ★ May only be missing Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, or Algebra.**
- ★ Applicant is responsible for all tuition and costs. Tuition Assistance is strongly encouraged.**



Requirements Completion Course (RCC)

★ Higher SAT requirement

➡ Minimum 450 in each section

□ Minimum composite 1200 on 2-part test (Math and Verbal)

★ Have 45 SH College Credit

□ 15 must be resident prerequisite credits

□ Must have 6 SH English, 3 SH Psych., 6SH Humanities



Application Process

- ★ AR 601-20, The IPAP, 17 October 2000.
- ★ USAREC message new each FY:
www.usarec.army.mil/armypa
- ★ POC: James Jones
(502) 626-0386 DSN 536-0386
- ★ E-mail: ipap@usarec.army.mil email with request for FY 2009 application information.
- ★ Application deadline - 1 Mar 2009
- ★ Selection Board: June 09
- ★ Results posted: Mid-Aug. 2009 MILPER MSG
- ★ Attend January, April, or August 2010
- ★ AMEDD Center and School IPAP site:
www.cs.amedd.army.mil/ipap/



Application Key Documents

- ★ **DA Photo within 12 months of board date**
 - ➡ **after 13 June 2008**
- ★ **APFT within fiscal year (certified by CDR/1SG) Dated after 1 Oct 08**
- ★ **Letter of Intent**
 - **Typed version Only**
- ★ **Curriculum Vitae**
- ★ **Academic Worksheet - include all courses and letter grades.**



Application Key Documents

★ Letters of Recommendation

- ➡ **Commanding Officer**

- **Immediate Supervisor**

- **Physician Assistant**

 - **must have experience working with military**

- **Maximum of 5 letters**

It's not who you know. It's who knows you.



Application Key Documents

★ DA 61 Application for Appointment

➡ Block 1: Commissioned Officer-Regular Army

□ Block 2: AR 601-100 and AR 135-100

□ Block 6: "1" SP "65D"

□ Block 18: Permanent Address(Home of Record)

□ Block 19: Current Address (Not "same as block 18")

★ Updated ERB or ORB (Certified true copies)

★ **Microfiche:** Print documents from online and have certified by local MILPO/PSB. No hard copy fiche required. Keep items in order of most recent to oldest. Include OER, NCOER, awards, certifications, licenses and corrective items.

★ **Security Clearance (Interim is good for 180 days) Interim dated after 30 Dec 08.**



Application Key Documents

★ **Commissioning Physical** (Original or original signature)

⇒ **DD 2807/DD 2808**

- **No older than 12 months from board date. Send certified true copies.**
- **Must include ETOH, Drug Screen and HIV tests with copy of labs.**

★ **ENLISTED**

- ★ **“Qualified for Commissioning IAW AR 40-501 CHAPTER 2”**

□ **OFFICER**

- **“Qualified for Commissioning IAW AR 40-501 CHAPTER 3”**
 - ❖ **May be periodic plus HIV/ ETOH/ Urine Drug Screen**
 - ❖ **If periodic, include DA 3081, “No change in Health”**



WAIVERS

★ **Submit all documentation pertaining to waiver with a request citing the circumstances and conditions**

▢ **Age in Grade**

★ **Older than 32 years old upon commissioning (enlisted)**

▢ **Time in Service**

▢ **Greater than 8 years of service upon entry to IPAP**

▢ **Convictions (If you answered yes DA 61 item 26)**

▢ **Include all court documents and outcome**

▢ **Medical (IAW AR 40-501)**

▢ **Include Consult and Recommendation from appropriate clinician**



What will my rank be?

★ **Everyone accumulates months towards promotion during school**

★ **ENLISTED**

➡ **E-4 and below will be paid as E-5**

□ **E-5 and above maintain their pay grade**

□ **All wear “OCS” on their collar**

□ **Graduate as 1LT with 2 years constructive credit, eligible for CPT in 15 months**



What will my rank be?

★ OFFICERS

➡ **Will arrive at school with their new rank based on constructive credit: Take the total months served as an officer, as of report date of class (tentatively use 1 Jan of school year). Divide that number by 2. If it equals 18 you will be a 1LT. If it equals 39 months you will be a CPT.**



ENDPOINT

- ★ **MASTER DEGREE IN 2 YEARS**
- ★ **ARMY OFFICER**
- ★ **ACCELERATED 1ST PROMOTION**
- ★ **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**
 - **Great Military Career**
 - **Great Civilian Career**



The Army PA

★ **Specialty Training, eligible after 4 years post graduate experience**

➡ **Aviation Medicine**

□ **Cardiovascular Perfusion**

□ **Emergency Medicine**

□ **Occupational Medicine**

□ **Orthopedics**

□ **Preventive Medicine**



QUESTIONS ?



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the Line”**

